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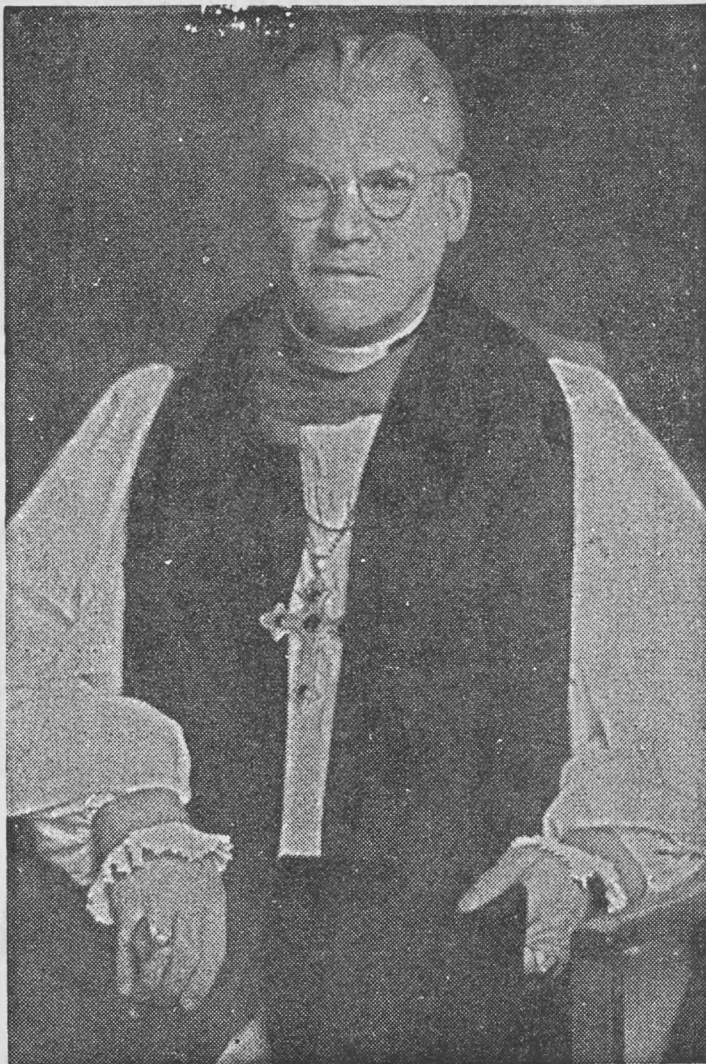
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The Bishop's Page

My Dear People:

Last month I surveyed the diocese, outlining for you the various ways in which we are trying to meet the needs of our people in the area committed to our charge. The record is I think encouraging. The faithfulness and devotion, the generosity and self-sacrifice of the clergy and people which the record shows is a matter of profound thanksgiving.

This month there is another story to tell. It comes to us from the Budget Committee of General Synod, of which our own Archbishop of Rupert's Land is Chairman. It is right to say that to him belongs much of the credit for the accomplishment which the following letter discloses. The letter is addressed to the Archbishops and Bishops, and the Clergy of the Church of England in Canada:

"Dear Brother:

"We have indeed much for which to be thankful to Almighty God, and grateful to you and all your people, in the matter of apportionments for 1948.

"Not only for the eighth year in succession have the apportionments been **overpaid**; not only for the fourth year in succession has **every Diocese** paid in full or over; BUT, for the first time in history our receipts **have topped \$400,000.00** by a wide margin.

How fantastic that would have sounded just a short while back! But it has been accomplished with the good-will of all; and receipts in apportionments are now getting on for **double** what they were ten years ago. Since 1941 they have always been over \$300,000, and since 1944, always over \$350,000. For 1947 they were \$379,485.39. And now, for 1948, they totalled \$426,598.10—an overpayment of \$25,198.10. Of this overpayment \$15,279.39 represents donations to the Diocese of The Arctic and credited, as promised, to the Dioceses concerned. The Lord hath indeed "done great things for us already whereof we rejoice." We have gone far into a new bracket and reached a new all-time "high."

"The next goal to which we must "raise our sights"—to be reached, say, by 1955—is the assured provision through apportionments of **an annual income of half a million dollars**. It is already necessary. Let us work together for its speedy accomplishments.

"On behalf of the Budget Committee we send you our sincere thanks and ask you to pass it on with yours to all your people.

"Relying on your continued generous co-operation.

"Faithfully yours,

L. RALPH RUPERT'S LAND,

Chairman.

R. A. HILTZ,

Secretary.

SYNOD, APRIL 25th - 28th

I am calling the eighteenth meeting of Synod for April 25th—St. Mark's Day. It will mark the beginning of my ninth year as Bishop of the Diocese. While it is quite true that there will be one more number of "Churchman" before the Synod meets, I want at this early date to urge all Delegates to try to arrange their business so that we may have a full attendance at Synod.

My hope is that this Synod will be even better and livelier than in previous years. This hope will be fulfilled if clergy and laity alike come, not merely dutifully, neither merely critically, nor yet uncritically, but as those who are conscious that they are responsible for the governance of the Church in these parts, and are ready to give the best they can in the way of attention and interest, thought and speech, and go away to carry out, and persuade others to carry out, whatever this Synod decides.

LENT 1949

Lent this year will receive greater positive emphasis than heretofore in the City of Edmonton. Large congregations will gather daily in the Cathedral for the Noon-day Services. They will not only prove to be a great public witness to our faith, but also a means of increasing and clarifying our faith. Regular attendance will require some planning of the noon hour. This planning is in itself a good discipline for this Holy Season. Let all our people give to this matter some thought and attention and we shall find that as a people we will develop a higher spiritual voltage, greater insight, more initiative energy and what is just as important, our waiting comrades will gather round us, try our road and spread our message.

ANGLICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR

The Primate will speak to our great and growing Sunday School of the Air on Sunday morning, March 6th, at 10:45 a.m. over CFRN. Let the two thousand regular members be augmented on that day by every family where Church services are not being held at or near that hour.

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The Editor's Columns

WELCOME TO ARCHBISHOP AND MRS. KINGSTON

We extend the warmest welcome to the Most Reverend George F. Kingston, D.D., Archbishop of Nova Scotia, and Primate of All Canada, on the occasion of his first official visit to Edmonton. Mrs. Kingston is to accompany the Primate, and we are delighted at the privilege of welcoming her also. We hope that the heavy list of engagements which have been arranged will enable a great many of our Church people to meet them both.

The Primate will commence the series of Noon-day Lenten Services at All Saints. The series will be under way before this magazine is in general circulation, but we would urge upon all who can do so to make every effort to take advantage of these services. The panel of preachers is an impressive one, and each comes with his own distinctive message and style. "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." The finest preachers in all Christendom will have no message for us unless we make up our minds to go and hear them. **Be sure and attend the noon-day services for your soul's health sake.**

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ANNUAL

The last issue of the EDMONTON CHURCHMAN contained the programme of the Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary, which is to meet at All Saints commencing March 1st. This Annual was arranged at this date in order that the women of our Church might enjoy the visit of Archbishop and Mrs. Kingston, and we are sure that their presence will make the annual meeting a memorable one. Once again the branches of the Diocesan's Woman's Auxiliary will meet to review their splendid records of the past year and to elect their Diocesan officers. The Church throughout the Dominion is tremendously proud of the part played by the Woman's Auxiliary in every congregation, large or small, and its contribution to the life and work of the parish as well as the work of the Church overseas grows with the passing years. We wish the new officers to be elected every success in their work in which they are "constrained by the Love of God."

CALENDAR

MARCH, 1949

6—1 SUNDAY IN LENT

13—2 SUNDAY IN LENT

20—3 SUNDAY IN LENT

25—Annunciation of the B.V.M.

27—4 SUNDAY IN LENT

BISHOP'S PAGE

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The Primate will preach at All Saints' Cathedral on Sunday morning, March 6th. The Service will be broadcast over CJCA. All my people in the scattered parts of the diocese will thus have an opportunity to hear him.

RECEPTION

A diocesan reception will be given for the Primate and Mrs. Kingston at **All Saints' Parish Hall, at 8:00 p.m. on Shrove Tuesday, March 1st.** All our people are cordially invited to come to meet them. It is to be an expression of our affection and loyalty to his person and his office.

Yours faithfully,

Walter Edmonlin



DIOCESAN NEWS



LENTEN PREACHER



The Very Rev. G. B. Snell

Dean of Calgary, who will preach at the noonday services from March 14th to 18th.

LENTEN PREACHER



The Right Rev. F. P. Clark, D.D.

Bishop of Kootenay, who will be the noonday Lenten preacher from March 28th to April 1st.

MISSIONARY PRAYER CORNER

Let Us Give Thanks

—For the ever-increasing opportunities for Christian Service in the District of Kangra, North India.

—For all that has been accomplished in Japan during the past year by our representatives and other Church leaders, that has brought the Church along the way toward rehabilitation.

—For the loyalty and support of so many of our Canadian Church members, and for the devotion and selfless service of the Church's leaders.

Let Us Pray

—That our Church's 1949 theme, "Make Christ King" may so permeate the thinking of its people that it will bring a new loyalty into the lives of many.

—That the new venture in evangelistic work with Visual Aids planned for the villages of Kangra may prove an effective means of presenting the Gospel story.

—That Miss Hawkins, the principal of the Kindergarten Training School in Mid-Japan, and those working with her may be guided in their plans for the student Hostel; also that a number of young women will come forward for training as Kindergarten teachers.

—That God's enabling power may be with the leaders of the Church in the Diocese of Honan, China, in their determination to carry on regardless of the difficulties.

CALLING CLERGYMEN AND WARDENS!

All Statistical Reports are due AT ONCE. An urgent SOS has come from General Synod Committee on the State of the Church for statistics.

LENTEN PREACHER



The Very Rev. Cecil Swanson, D.D.

Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, who will preach at the noonday services from March 21st to 25th.

LENTEN PREACHER



The Rt. Rev. A. H. Sovereign

Bishop of Athabasca, who will preach at the noonday services during the week of April 4th to 8th.

INVISIBLE POSSESSIONS

By Rev. David L. Greene

All Saints' Church, Duck Lake, Sask.

One of my childhood recollections concerns a pocket knife which my younger brother possessed. One day he lost his treasure. Yet he stubbornly protested that he owned a knife. He could produce no proof of possession but his conviction could not be shaken.

His claim did not sound logical. But he "had something there." Today I read the words of a mature logician, St. Paul, who writes about "having nothing, yet possessing all things." He had something invisible and intangible. Yet it was more powerful and more valuable to him than a whole world of earthly possessions—his faith.

St. Paul's experience is shared in greater or less degree by every believer in Jesus Christ. Security is a magic word these days. But every Christian knows that even if he has no security, yet a sure trust in God produces a sense of possessing all things.

My brother's knife was made of good steel. In ordinary use it held its edge. But gouging pine knots nicked it. Much whittling eventually dulled it. Then it had to be put on the grindstone.

A Christian's faith is made of good stuff, too. It withstands a great deal of buffeting by misfortunes and disappointments. But constant clashing with hard material things has a dulling effect.

Then is indicated grindstone treatment. By acts of self-denial and self-imposed tasks of prayer and worship we seek to grind out the nicks and restore faith's cutting edge. We reassure ourselves that spirit is supreme over matter.

For centuries the Christian Church has observed a Lenten Season devoted to re-discovery of virile faith. Her purpose is to awaken human hearts to consciousness of sin within and to a desire for thorough cleansing.

As its name's derivation suggests, Lent speaks of nature's revival of life in spring. So the Church invites everybody to "swing along and sing along" with her in a grand enterprise of sharpening dulled faith.

Our Western democratic world had its roots planted in Christianity. This historical fact is lulling us into a state

KAPASIWIN 1949

At the January meeting of the D.B. R.E. held at the Synod Office in Edmonton, plans were presented for the Diocesan Camp at Kapasiwin on Lake Wabamun for the Summer of 1949.

Camps for Junior and Senior Boys and for Junior and Senior Girls of from 8 to 10 days each will be held as usual, also the annual A.Y.P.A. Conference at the August holiday week-end.

By a re-arrangement of dates, three week-ends will be made available for adult camps. These, it is hoped, will be attended by church members and leaders for a few days of conference and study combined with healthful recreation.

The first of these camps, open to men and women from all parishes of the Diocese, will be held at the Dominion Day week-end from June 30th to July 5th. Those who wish to attend for less than the full period may do so on July 1st, which is Friday, to Sunday, July 3rd, and some may go out for the holiday or on Sunday or both.

Plans for the program are in course of preparation and it is hoped that our Bishop and other church leaders will take part. These adult week-end camps should be productive of great benefit to those who attend with resulting benefit to the whole Diocese.

Senior Boys, Tuesday, July 5, to Friday, July 15, age group 12 to 16.

Junior Boys, Tuesday, July 19, to Wednesday, July 27, age group 9 to 11.

Junior girls, Tuesday, August 2, to Wednesday, August 10, age group 9 to 11.

Senior girls' Thursday, August 11, to Monday, August 22, age group 12 to 16.

of false security. Our modern society is woefully lacking in Christian conviction. We are reversing St. Paul's dictum. We have everything, yet we possess nothing.

My brother's lost knife was useless to him until he found it again. Our generation's blunted or lost faith will prove ineffectual in combatting present day tides of atheism and secularism. In today's war of ideologies our

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE CHURCH IN JAPAN

Provided by Bishop Powles

In the ten Dioceses of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Anglican Communion in Japan) there are 25,174 baptized Christians of whom 9,071 are communicants. These are ministered to by 207 clergy.

There is a total of only 52 missionaries in Japan sent out by the British, American and Canadian Churches, of whom twelve are Canadian; but, there are 171 missionaries of other churches.

The population of Japan is today between seventy-five and eighty millions. The pre-war Christian population was about one-half of one per cent or one Christian in every 200 people.

Today there is a tremendous alertness and activity on the part of the Roman Catholic Church. They are throwing into Japan all their worldwide resources. Their missionaries number 248 priests and lay-brothers and 211 sisters. This year is the anniversary of Francis Xavier's arrival and in commemoration they are to build a broadcasting station in Tokyo, and others later in other parts. Their communicants total, according to the records, 10,710.

This truly is the day of opportunity for the Christian Church to give the people of Japan a way of life that will supply their greatest need; that will build the nation into a Christian democracy which will be an influence for peace throughout the world. But the Church cannot take advantage of this special opportunity without more of the human agents through whom the Lord Christ can work.

This opportunity is God-given. We dare not forfeit this second chance, for tomorrow it may not be there.

weapons must be spiritual rather than carnal.

Lent is challenging an unthinking generation to re-adjust its scale of values; to put a ceiling price on worldly commodities and a floor price on spiritual goods; to realize that the highest good comes to those who having nothing, yet possess all things—because of their all embracing and unconquerable faith.



Woman's Auxiliary



WORLD PEACE— CALL TO PRAYER

Prayer at 12:00 noon (whenever possible):

"Our Father in Heaven, we pray Thee to send into our hearts, and into the hearts of all men everywhere, the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

FROM THE DIOCESAN PRAYER PARTNER

For every branch and every member in this diocese from now until next issue of this magazine.

LET US GIVE THANKS

(1) That delegates from every diocese in Japan were able to meet at St. Margaret's School in Tokyo for a conference, where each was urged to re-organize the W.A. in every diocese.

(2) For articles of clothing which had been sent to Japan from the women of Tasme, B.C., and were distributed and for the arrangement to send gifts to the families of clergy who had been burned out and to people returned from other countries who had suffered bereavement.

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

(1) Our missionaries who have returned to Japan after eight years' absence and are facing especially difficult conditions during the winter months (Miss Marie Foerstel and Miss Lillian Powell).

(2) For God's blessing on Mrs. Powles, Miss Horobin, Miss Hawkins and Miss Jessie Miller (formerly of Edmonton).

(3) For the Japanese clergy, Bible teachers, and other workers whose homes have been broken through ill-health, that God's healing power may restore the sick and reunite the families.

NEW BRANCHES

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St. Peter's G.A., Edmonton.

SPRING FESTIVAL FOR GIRLS' AUXILIARIES

Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.—St. John's Church.

Thursday, April 21, 10:00 a.m.—All Saints' Hall.

Thursday, April 21, 2:00 p.m.—Conference, All Saints' Hall.

Groups wishing to work for the Challenge Cups will select five out of the following six sections:

Section 1—Dramatize a Chinese wedding from the Study Book, "Wei and Ku" (pages 28-31).

Section 2—Make and dress a rag doll in Chinese costume.

Section 3—Handicraft: felt work (3 or 4 entries), and a set of 6 or 8 table novelties such as favours, place cards, etc., suitable for Easter, Hallowe'en, Christmas, or any other party.

Section 4—Singing: hymn from the youth or children's sections of the hymn book and any typically Canadian sang.

Section 5—Reading: 10 to 15 lines from Wei and Ku."

Section 6—Dancing: folk or character.

SPRING FESTIVAL FOR JUNIOR AUXILIARIES

Saturday, May 28, 10:00 a.m.—Service in St. Mark's Church. Offering will be received. Judging will commence in St. Mark's Mall at 10:30 a.m. and will be continued at 1:30 after the intermission for lunch.

Each group entering for the cups must enter four sections.

Section 1—Singing: hymn of our choice.

Section 2—Tableau: still picture, one scene from study book, "One Street Village." Introduction only to be spoken.

Section 3—Handicraft: from the year's work. Could include Chinese Village scene. Not more than six entries from a branch.

Section 4—Flannelgraph or Mural: 10 items. One girl to tell the story.

Section 5—Recitation: own selection. Not more than three from a branch.

Section 6—Choral Speech: one selection, own choice.

Section 7—Bible Reading: Psalm 121, vs. 1-4, or 1 Cor. 13, vs. 1-3. Not more than three from a branch.

Section 8—Action Song.



Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry
Diocesan President

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Welcome to Mrs. G. Tanton Mrs. F. Bearisto. both of Sedgewick; Mrs. C. Thompson, St. Faith's Evening Branch; Mrs. F. Coles, Mrs. W. H. Coghill, of St. Luke's.

VISITS OF OFFICERS

Mrs. H. Gutteridge to St. John's, St. Mary's Afternoon, St. Mark's Evening.

Mrs. F. A. Garton, St. Mark's Evening.

Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry, to St. Luke's on the occasion of presentation of two Life Memberships, and to St. Faith's Evening for the same kind of service, and to St. Michael's for the Admission Service of Officers.

Mrs. E. de Laroque to St. Peter's to organize a Girls' Auxiliary.

The Fellowship of Prayer and Service has been discontinued in separate pamphlet form but will appear in "The Canadian Church Missionary News," issued six times during the year. This leaflet will be inserted in the Edmonton Churchman; the first was included in the February issue. Through this new plan, and with your co-operation and enthusiastic promotion it is hoped to gain a much wider interest in, and usage of, these prayer topics. But, the success of this new plan depends on you.

The Church of England in Western Canada

By REV. T. C. B. BOON, B.A.

XXIX

Archdeacon Cody has described Mr. Bompas at this time as a "detached cruiser" speeding from place to place that he might bring in the Gospel dawn to widely scattered bands of Indians. Certainly, he covered a tremendous amount of territory in 1871 in the upper part of the Peace River country. From Fort Vermilion to Fort Chipewyan and Fond du Lac on Lake Athabasca, then back up to Rocky Mountain Portage where he noted that gold had been found in the district south (evidently the Cariboo) and although unable to visit the miners as he had hoped, he commended them because he heard that "nearly all abstained from work on the Sabbath, notwithstanding the excitement of their occupation and that mining operations were restricted by the frosts to about four months of the year." He also prophesied the construction of roads from the Peace River country into British Columbia, which may materialize when the Hart Highway is completed. In writing to his sister that spring, he remarked that one of his chief occupations had been that of public vaccinator, and that he must have vaccinated about 500 Indians: the previous year smallpox had been a scourge and more than 2,000 of the natives had died at one of the Hudson Bay Posts.

That fall, he was instructed by the C.M.S. Committee at the Red River to make his way to Fort Yukon in order to relieve Mr. McDonald, who had been given leave of absence after ten years of service. Mr. Bompas made his way north from Fort Vermilion to Great Slave Lake by the Hay River and saw for the first time the Alexandra Fall (as he named it) which he thought one of the wonders of the world: "It is a perpendicular fall of about 150 feet high by 500 feet wide, and of surpassing beauty. The amber colour of the falling water gives the appearance of green tresses twined with pearls, while in the spray was a rainbow reaching from the foot of the fall to the rocks far above its brink. . . . It impressed me much more with its

beauty than did Niagara, which I saw on entering the country about seven years ago." Mr. Bompas was perturbed at having to leave his work in the southern country because he was afraid the Indians would lose confidence in the permanence and reliability of our instruction, the more so as having once gone north again, he doubted whether he would be able to endure so much travelling as was entailed by this constant movement. He spent the winter amongst the camps of the Louchoux Indians, and remarks that they treated him like Christian brethren all the winter, and "I can look on them in that light." They were all so eager for instruction and warm-hearted that it was a pleasure to be among them. He estimated that he walked one thousand miles that winter, but did not think that it was as much as he used to walk in a winter in the streets of London. He noted the beauty of the Yukon River and found some good specimens of iron ore, but remarked that gold had not yet been found.

While Mr. Bompas had been travelling amidst all kinds of hazards in the great northern country, much thought was being given to its future by Bishop Machray in Winnipeg. Early realizing the impossibility of adequately covering the whole of his huge episcopate, Bishop Machray had begun to make plans for its division, and as early as 1870 put his views before the English Missionary Societies, particularly the C.M.S. When he went to England in the latter part of 1871, he pressed the matter with vigour, but it was not until the summer of 1872 that the question was settled in accordance with the Bishop's plans. On June 10th, the General Committee of the C.M.S. agreed to them and also undertook to provide the stipend of the new Bishops. That they would be John Horden and William Carpenter Bompas was never queried, but while it was known that Mr. Horden was willing, distance prevented any easy or early communication with Mr. Bompas. In fact, he was still at Fort Yukon when the news reached him in the early summer of 1873. It is said that he shrank from

the thought of becoming a Bishop, and that in July he set his face homewards with the express purpose of turning the Church Missionary Society from the idea.

Once again, the journey makes an epic story: leaving Fort Yukon with a couple of Indian boys, Mr. Bompas travelled up the Porcupine River till he reached the Rocky Mountains, where the boys left him to return to the Fort. Alone and on foot, he made his way across the Rockies in the face of furious snow storms, taking just three days, and his only remark later was "That the traveller is happy to find shelter behind some angle or jutting crag till the blast of the storm is over, and if he can find some wood for fuel he can make himself quite comfortable." With the aid of two other Indian lads, he made the 800 miles from Fort McPherson to Fort Simpson by September 2nd, "after three weeks of fatiguing towing" and then once again contended with more snow storms till Portage la Loche was reached on October 8th, he having then covered 2,600 miles. Held there for ten days by the weather, when there was sufficient frost, accompanied by two H.B.C. servants, he walked to Buffalo Lake, and then again guided by a band of Indians to Isle la Crosse. Again delayed for ten days, he travelled with three other H.B.C. men to Green Lake by dogs and sledge, but the weather becoming milder they had to walk from there to Fort Carlton, which took five days. From here he detoured to visit Prince Albert, then a

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THE THANKFUL HEART!

An old village woman was renowned for the fact that she grumbled at everything and everybody.

The vicar had determined to try to find something about which she had no cause for complaint. At last he thought he had found it in the old lady's crop of potatoes, which was the finest for miles around.

"Ah, for once you must be pleased," he said with a smile as he met her in front of her cottage. "Everybody's saying how splendid your potatoes are this year."

The old woman glowered at him as she answered: "They're not so bad. But where's the bad 'uns for the pigs coming from?"

THE CHURCH WAS THERE
TO MEET THEM!

Canada has again been thrilled by a mercy flight into the Arctic. This time to seek out and to bring merciful relief to a stricken band of Eskimo somewhere on the frozen trundra near Fort Ross.

Those engaged in the search told me that "Looking for a needle in a haystack" would be more simple, and I assume less dangerous, than looking for a scattered and decimated band of Eskimo in the Arctic wastes.

However, the intrepid airmen found them, and Dr. Harvey, one of our Church members at the Camsell Hospital, was able to bring much relief to the suffering.

Two of the patients were flown out and brought to the Charles Camsell Hospital. There along with the ministering agent of health, to meet them, stood their Church in the person of your Chaplain.

It meant much that their Church was there to meet them, more so when they laid claim to her ministering, since they were Anglicans. Moreover, I was proud of them for knowing and stating what their religion was. Would that many of our white brethren could be as definite when entering the hospital, instead of being content to being registered as "Protestants."

At the present time there are over 30 Eskimo patients in the Camsell Hospital, as well as the Indians.

Most of these patients, by the Grace of God, will return to their homes in the north. Think what it must mean to the cause of the Church when they return home and tell that the Church was there to greet them! That may to some be of little moment, but would it be if all they could say was that the Roman Church, alone, was there to minister to them?

—C. F. A. Clough, Chaplain.

BROADCASTING

11:00 a.m. Sunday

March

6—All Saints' Cathedral CJCA

13—St. Faith's CFRN

20—Holy Trinity CJCA

Sunday School of the Air

10:45 a.m., Every Sunday CFRN

SURSUM CORDA

For I contend that singers in a choir
Should strive the mystic's venerable art
To learn; the fleshly self efface while
higher
Soars the soul to be with God a part.

Here is no place for a performer's pride.
Only to Him be glory, as the tale
Is told how to a monastery choir
Of aged monks there came a novice.
Young

He was and fair of face and frame
and oh!

Melodious his voice. With sober-minded
shame

His patriarchal comrades realized
(Or thought they did) how poor the
gift

Of holy song which daily they had
brought

These many years, so reverently but
Now so ribald, so disgraced beside
This richer diapason. But at eventide
The godly man who was the abbot saw
A vision of the Man of Nazareth

Who, reproaching kindly, asked of him,
"How, master abbot, did it come to pass
You and your brothers, yours and Mine,
For the first time today in many a year
Failed to sing mass?" Answered then,
Still uncomprehending, the superior:

"Thy precious death and passion were
indeed

Commemorated, Lord. The mass was
sung

As it was never sung before," The
Master

Jesus smiled as He replied,

"Never a note of it was heard above
In the kingdom where My Father sits
Forever on His heavenly throne."

To illustrate, this legend have I ten-
dered,

My own conviction that the power of
prayer

Or of devotion howsoever rendered
Is in some ratio to the faithful there.

But not alone their numbers. "Where-
so'er

Two or three are gathered in My
Name . . ."

Nor, I reason, need the part they bear
Essentially be oral. Reverently to hear
Is in itself an act of fervent prayer

And not less sure a road by which the
soul may rise

Into her own true home in Paradise.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN
WESTERN CANADA

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new settlement, which he thought showed every sign of increasing prosperity and success. From Carlton House, Touchwood Hills was reached with a horse and sledge, and through the kindness of the Postmaster there, he was furnished with a cariole and dogs and so made the 400 odd miles to the Red River, which he reached on the 31st of December. The story of his reception by Bishop Machray's house-keeper, who thought he was an old tramp and would not let him proceed further than the kitchen, is well-known. Nor did his adventures cease here: there was a terrible journey to Moorhead by stage coach; his train was stuck in a snowdrift; a second stage coach overturned; the train to Montreal was derailed (but the guard put it back on the track with a winch); and finally the "Scandinavian" had a rough trip across the Atlantic. After these experiences, Mr. Bompas made the comment, "On the whole, the dogs may be counted to hold their own in competing with horseflesh or steam, whether on land or water."

(To be continued)

THOSE PARISH "MAGS" AGAIN

Extract from a parish magazine:

"In response to the appeal of the vicar for helpers to weed the paths in the churchyard, Messrs. A—— and B—— worked for three evenings, Mr. C—— for two evenings, and Messrs. H. J—— and L. C—— and W. R. for one evening. After weeding the paths they were treated with weed-killer and we hope that this will keep them tidy for some time."

A priestly office then a singer holds;
God's minister is he indeed, who
brings

A gentle impulse to all faithful souls
Toward the presence of the King of
kings.

—A. Campbell Ballantine.

Edmonton, Alberta.
Epiphany, 1949.

INDIA NEWS BRIEFS

A New Venture in the Kangra Mission

The Mission has recently acquired from the District Board of the old Kangra Town another school in which 125 boys are enrolled. The Board, who could no longer finance it, offered it to the Mission. "We have taken it on for the time being on faith," writes Dr. Hanson. Miss Nattress is the "manager" of this new venture, as well as being back on full time evangelistic work in the villages. Here is a very valuable opportunity.

"The Crims' as we call the Criminal Tribes," writes Dr. Hanson, "are her special care and despair. If 'to err is human,' the Crims are superbly human, nevertheless they need protection and guidance in this new India, and only the Church can give it."

Pioneering Medical Work at Manali

"The Manali Hospital is regularly in Mission News. Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Burfoot (who joined the Mission in 1947), have gone over well in the Kulu Valley. They are trusted and liked, and are well fitted for the pioneering medical work that is their lot. Soon Manali will be a well-run medical centre. Dr. Burfoot has experience in building (a new hospital is needed), and is knowledgeable in things electrical."

The Travelling Canon

"Canon Wilkinson is acting for the Bishop in the E. Punjab and tours the Province from end to end. His is no easy position. He has to know the problems of each Mission Station, to take over many Cantonment Churches and graveyards and arrange for their upkeep. In many a place he must be haunted by the ghost of a familiar past, vanishing as have all earth's proud empires. In addition to all this, there are all the plans for the new Archdeaconry of E. Punjab and the affairs of our own mission to be administered."

High Standards

The Girls' School, Palampur, sent up its first matriculation class of six pupils. All of them passed, five in the first division; most thrilling for all concerned, and a good omen for the future.

The Boys' High School Matriculation class showed the fine percentage of 82 passing, which will undoubtedly be near the top of the list of schools in the Punjab.

X-Ray Equipment

The first X-ray machine to be acquired by our hospitals in the Kangra District has recently been installed in the Lady Willingdon Hospital at Manali. The development in the work at this point is making a new building imperative.

All three hospitals have worked along for many years without the benefit of X-ray. Dr. Florence Haslam of the Maple Leaf Hospital, Kangra, also hopes to have one in the near future.

"Operation Frustration"

"These are strange days," writes Dr. Hanson. "Opportunity knocks at our door and passes on. Sometimes it seems that we are working on 'Operation frustration.'"

A CONVERSATION IN A BUS

"Oh, I'm that annoyed, Mrs. B., I can actually hear my blood boiling. I'll never speak to the Rector again, not even if he crawls all the way to my house on his bended knees."

"Why, whatever's happened, Mrs. Smith?"

"Well, it's our Annie. She asked me to see the Rector about having her Elizabeth christened. 'Yes, Mrs. Smith,' says he, all friendly like, 'but I don't seem to recognize the names of the godparents. Are they Church people?' 'Well,' I says, 'I wouldn't say that they're actually Church people, but, you see, they're very well off, and I know my Annie wants to keep in with them.' 'Oh,' says he, not so friendly now, 'I can't accept god-parents who are not Church people,' he says, 'they've got to make solemn promises that they will see the child brought up in the faith, and confirmed.' 'Well,' I says, 'they may not be Church people, but they're as good as them that are, and better than some in the parish I could mention but won't—and you know me, Rector,' I says.

"'Yes, that's just it,' he says. 'I know you, and you can hardly call yourself a Church woman,' he says.

"Did he really say that, Mrs. Smith?"

"That he did, and I've never been so insulted in my life. 'What!' I says to him, 'me not a Churchwoman. Me, what hasn't missed a harvest festival since I came to the parish twenty years ago, to say nothing of coming to church on Christmas day sometimes, when I haven't been too busy,' I says, 'and you have the impudence to say that

I'm not a Churchwoman. I'll write to the Archbishop about it,' I says, 'and I'll sue you for inflammation of character,' " I says.

"And what did he say then, Mrs. Smith?"

"O, that shook him. He got very quiet and tells me I don't want to get offended. 'If you don't use the privileges of the Church regular,' he says, 'you can't expect them to be there just to suit your convenience,' he says.

"There you are again," I says, "accusing me of not using the church regular. Don't I come to you regular every quarter to have my husband's pension paper signed?" I says, "and didn't I come to you for a character for Annie when she left school? and wasn't it only a few weeks ago that I asked you to put in a word for Alfie when he applied for that job, and what's more he didn't get it, which I think is a very funny thing, though I'm not saying you didn't do your best, but, as my husband said at the time, still waters run deeper than blood, which you can't deny. And then you can stand there and say that I don't use the privileges of the Church regular."

"What an un-Christian thing for him to say, Mrs. Smith. I'm sure I don't know what the bishop would do, if you did report him. He'd be excommunicated I shouldn't wonder."

"Yes, but there, I've finished with him now. As my husband always says, the more you do, the more you may. Well, there're where I get off. I must get some more shoes for Alfie. The way that boy grows is something cruel. He's got bigger feet than his dad now. And that reminds me, I must get the Rector to sign his form for extra clothing coupons."

—The Jersey "Pilot."

WHAT GOES INTO YOUR SUITCASE?

A young Christian packing his bag for a journey said to a friend, "I have nearly finished packing. All I have to put in are a guidebook, a lamp, a mirror, a microscope, a telescope, a volume of fine poetry, a few biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, a sword, a hammer and a set of books I have been studying."

"But you cannot put all that into your bag," objected the friend.

"Oh, yes," said the Christian. "Here it is." And he placed his Bible in the corner of the suitcase and closed the lid.—Author Unknown.

Rural Deanery of Edmonton

ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL

The Very Rev. A. M. Trendell

The Rev. J. E. Williams

In spite of cold weather about 150 members of the congregation attended the Annual Meeting on Monday, Jan. 24th.

Reports from the Church and from the different organizations showed that we had passed another very happy and successful year, and that definite progress had been made. More than \$12,000 had been raised in cash donations towards our pledge for the Anglican Advance Appeal, and the Building Fund of the Cathedral had been advanced to \$23,830. Church expenses had been met in full and Missionary Apportionment had been overpaid.

The Dean expressed his warmest appreciation of the work done in the parish for the past two years by the Reverend Howard Buchner, and voiced the feeling of the whole congregation when he wished him God's blessing in the new work to which he was going at Edson. He then gave a warm welcome to the Reverend J. E. Williams and Mrs. Williams who had just arrived in Edmonton from Wales. Mr. Williams, who has come to assist in the work at the Cathedral made a suitable reply.

A very pleasant evening ended with the serving of refreshments by members of the W.A.

A new church bulletin has made its appearance at our Sunday Services. It is a printed bulletin, somewhat larger than the old one, and bears on the front page a picture of the proposed new Cathedral. Copy for this bulletin must be in each week by Tuesday noon to ensure the inclusion of any item for the following Sunday. Appreciation of this bulletin has been heard on every hand.

More than thirty members of the congregation are being prepared for Confirmation and classes are held every Wednesday evening.

We are looking forward to our noon day Lent Services which will be held throughout Lent from Monday to Friday each week. It is a new venture for Edmonton, and the committee has expended already a great deal of time in preparation for these services. It can mean a great stimulation to the spiritual life of this city and we pray that they may be well supported.

The present year has begun in a very promising way. In spite of cold weather congregations have been unusually good. It is hoped that this will continue, and that all members of the congregation will make a very special effort to attend the Sunday and Week Day Services during Lent and Easter. As usual we hope to have our Lenten Services each Wednesday evening at which a series of addresses will be given. The Primate will preach at the morning service on the first Sunday in Lent, and every

Sunday evening the address will be given by the noon day preacher for the week following.

CHRIST CHURCH

The Rev. E. S. Ottley

We are looking forward to a year of considerable activity. The new Vestry, at its first meeting in February, has set up a plan of organization by which it is hoped that a new coherence may be given to the whole work of the Church, and all departments of its work will receive continuous attention. To that end have been appointed committees on finance, membership, activities, etc. A special committee on the Fortieth Anniversary has been set up and is laying plans for the observance of the occasion in November.

It is with great regret that we received word from our choirmaster, Mr. Betts, that he must resign his position. It was hoped that a period of leave of absence would enable him to recuperate sufficiently to resume his duties in the spring. This has proved impossible, and as his successor we have appointed Mr. Keith Bissell, Assistant Supervisor of Music for the Edmonton Schools. We must record our deep appreciation of the fine work that Mr. Betts has done during his time with us. And we must also extend our grateful thanks for the willingness with which Miss Teape, our organist, has carried on under trying circumstances during the past four months. And in addition, our thanks go to the members of the Choir who have so faithfully carried on.

W.A.—There is only one meeting to report this month, as the Social and Educational Hour was cancelled on account of cold weather. This above name has now been given to the second meeting of the month, which was formerly called the Educational meeting. Final plans were made for the valentine Tea in the parish hall, the convenors being the three vice-presidents: Mrs. Neely, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Kilgour. The home-cooking table will be under the direction of Mrs. Freeze, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Williamson. Pouring tea will be Mrs. Moorhouse, Mrs. Blakey, Mrs. Timleck and Mrs. Beresford. There will be a short programme during the afternoon, arranged by Mrs. Gutteridge, who will also look after the decorations. Mrs. W. D. Neely has been appointed to head a membership committee, which will strive to promote a spirit of friendliness among the women of the church, and also try to increase our membership. There will be a rummage sale on April 28th, and friends are asked to put aside anything suitable while doing their annual house cleaning. It has been discovered that there are seventy Anglican patients in the Charles Camsell Hospital, many of who, have not been visited. Mrs. Gutteridge, who is in charge of those who do visit regularly, is much concerned and anxious to draw this very worthwhile

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JUNIOR CHURCH—The Annual Sleigh Ride of the Junior Church had to be cancelled on account of the weather. However, the children gathered in the parish hall on Friday, February 11th, as arranged, and we had a substitute programme of moving pictures, which were excellent and enjoyed by all who braved the cold weather. Afterwards refreshments were served.

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Visit of the Primate—We look forward to the visit of the Primate, Archbishop Kingston, on the first Sunday evening in Lent, March 6th.

Confirmation—Classes are being held each Monday evening, and we would still welcome any who are desirous of being confirmed this year.

Lent—The Season of Lent again brings to us an opportunity of renewal, and we trust that everyone who calls himself by the Christian name will use the season rightly. Special Lenten Services will be held each Wednesday at 8 p.m., and we look forward to splendid attendances at each of them. In addition we suggest that everyone should make Lent a season of Church-going, of regular Communion, and some serious reading which will help us understand our Faith a little better, and enable us to enter into the joy of the Easter Resurrection.

Parish Hall—Work on the hall has been proceeding steadily, and as these notes are being written, the opening connecting the Church and the new hall is being cut through. Already several organizations are making use of the hall, and it promises to be of tremendous help to us with our many mid-week and Sunday meetings. Happily we have made much more progress than we dreamed possible a year ago, and already it seems evident that we can complete the hall in record time, and at a great saving. Every organization is keenly interested, and we are grateful for the generous response. All we ask is that everyone have a share in this project, and help bring it to a successful and early conclusion.

Men's Club—Dr. Greenhill is to be the speaker at our February meeting. Plans have been made for a Men's Dinner at the March meeting when Dean Swanson of Christ Church Cathedral will be the speaker. We would like to see every man out. The first Corporate Communion of the Men's Club was held on February 20th.

W.A.—The Valentine Tea was held to raise funds for furnishings, and in spite of a bitterly cold day there was a fine response.

Parish Guild—A Handicraft Bazaar Committee is hard at work, and already preparing for something new and special. Each member has been active during the month with a home bridge. The February meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. R. M. Shaw, 11050 89th Ave.

Young Women's Fellowship—A happy social evening was held on February 16th when the members invited their husbands to a social in the Parish Hall.

Mothers' Union—A study of "The Women of the Bible" will be made this year. Once again the group is preparing to help the Kindergarten Sunday School with a shower of suitable gifts for Sunday School work. Mrs. Moss will entertain the group in March.

Sanctuary Guild—The annual Sanctuary Guild tea will be held on March 16th.

Sunday School—Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Clarke for the gift of a victrola for the Primary Sunday School.

Chi Rho Fellowship—A Whist Drive has been arranged for February 25th in our new hall.

A.Y.P.A.—We were glad to entertain St. Mary's A.Y. at a recent Social evening. Mr. H. P. Locke addressed the club after Evensong last Sunday, and gave us a most interesting talk.

Scout-Guide Week—We were happy to welcome the Scouts, Rovers, Wold Cubs, Girl Guides, Rangers and Brownies at the annual parade service which was broadcast over CKUA.

Choir—A most enjoyable banquet and dance for choir members and friends was held in February.

ST. FAITH'S

The Rev. L. M. Watts
The Rev. G. W. Wilson

In spite of bitterly cold weather on Missionary Sunday, January 23rd, the church was filled to capacity at each service. In the afternoon at 3.00 p.m., the Sunday School pupils brought their parents to a Missionary Rally. The Bishop presented prizes and certificates won by the pupils, and Rev. H. O. T. Burkwall, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was the guest speaker. Guides, Cubs and Scouts paraded to church in the evening and a missionary film, "Thy Kingdom Come," was shown in place of the usual sermon.

Early in the new year a statement, containing the financial reports of all church organizations was mailed out to each family in the parish. This entailed a lot of work for a number of people, and thanks are extended to all that helped, especially to A.Y.P.A. members who did the final assembling and mailing.

The 1949 Annual Meeting will be marked in parish history as the one where the Rectory mortgage was burned. Mr. H. T. S. Parlee, retiring Rector's Warden, applied the match. The new church and parish hall plans were approved in principle, with a ways and means committee to be set up by the new vestry. Mr. J. Cleveley was appointed Rector's Warden and Mr. D. C. Adams elected People's Warden. Vestry members elected are: Mrs. W. Pattison, Miss E. Riddell, Mr. H. T. S. Parlee, V. Young, E. Currey, D. W. C. Mason, David Cleveley, V. A. Sadd, C. Thompson, J. Carter and W. Melnyk. Lay Delegates to Synod: J. Carter, H. T. S.

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A Model of Politeness

Little Bessie had been carefully grounded in politeness, and was an apt pupil. One day the rector, who had accepted another living and was shortly to move, called at Bessie's house. Carefully waiting for a pause in the conversation, little Bessie remarked: "I head we are soon to have the pleasure of losing you, sir."

Why the Lions Spared Daniel

Charles H. Spurgeon's keen wit was invariably based on sterling common sense. One day he remarked to one of his sons: "Can you tell me the reason why the lions didn't eat Daniel?" "No, sir," replied the boy. "Why was it?" "Because the most of him was backbone and the rest was grit."

Hard Facts

The vicar (appealing from the pulpit on behalf of the Christmas dinner fund for the poor): "What we want, my friends, is not abstract sympathy, but concrete plum pudding."

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Parlee, J. Cleveley and D. W. G. Mason. Alternates: G. Constable, E. Currey, C. Thompson and H. White. The Envelope Secretary, J. Carter.

At the Vestry meeting, February 14th, the stipends of the Rector and his Assistant were increased, retroactive to January 1st. Mr. D. W. G. Mason and Mr. V. Young were appointed as a committee to organize the canvass for the church building fund. The Envelope Secretary reported a large increase in envelope subscribers.

The Annual Meeting of the Sanctuary Guild was held January 25th at the home of Mrs. W. Pattison, the rector and five members attending, Mrs. Greene and Mrs. M. O. Mutter being re-appointed president and secretary-treasurer respectively. The purple curtains, donated by the Evening Group, will be ready for use during Lent. The members of the Guild wish a speedy recovery from her recent accident for Mrs. Mutter.

Junior W. A. members were entertained at a party by St. Mary's Juniors on February 11th. St. Mary's presented St. Faith's with the silver challenge cup for which the two groups had tied at the Junior Spring Festival, St. Faith's will now have possession for the balance of the year. Miss Lorraine Blair is the new Assistant Junior Leader.

The Afternoon W. A. presented Mrs. W. Pattison, retiring president, with a Prayer and Hymn Book also a bouquet of flowers, in appreciation for her work, at the February 2nd meeting. A most successful tea and sale of work was held by the group February 8th under the convenship of Mrs. C. Field. During Lent all members will be working on "Talent Money" projects.

The Evening Group are well started on a busy season. Mrs. P. A. Fairbrother gave a most informative paper on the first two chapters of the study book, also

a short outline of what prayer means in her life. Mrs. Gibbs reviewed the Dominion President's report of her trip to Britain and Holland. Mrs. C. Thompson asked that the fee for her Life Membership be given to the Thirtieth Anniversary Fund for girls' work. Half the W. A. pledge has been sent to the Diocesan Treasurer. Plans have been made for a sale of work Tuesday of Easter Week, a rummage sale, also a spring and fall sale. Aprons, novelties and fancy work has already been turned in, and W. A. members of both groups are searching with enthusiasm for ways and means of raising money for the new church unit.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Substantial revenue increases at St. Micheal and All Angels Church in North Edmonton were reported to the annual meeting of the congregation, held recently at the home of Mrs. O. Byers.

During 1948 church revenue was almost double that of 1947, and the church is now debt-free.

Financial statement of the Women's Auxiliary and of the Sunday School also showed satisfactory increases.

During the year the Women's Auxiliary provided the choir with surplices and hats, and was also responsible for the installation of gas for heating the church and hall.

The meeting elected C. J. Adams as Rector's Warden and S. A. Noble as People's Warden. W. J. Harrow, A. Green and Mrs. D. Clark were named to the vestry and W. J. Harrow was elected lay delegate to the synod.

The annual meeting of the W. A. was held at the home of Mrs. S. Noble, and reported an excellent year's work. Officers elected for 1949 were: Hon. President, Mrs. A. Phillips; President, Mrs. D.

Clarke; Vice-President, Mrs. R. Byers; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. H. Curry; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. A. Green; Educational Sec., Mrs. Noble; Little Helpers Sec., Mrs. H. Martinuk. We are having two Life Members made at the next annual. They are Mrs. A. Phillips and Mrs. W. Bennett.

Confirmation classes are underway again. Instruction is being given every Tuesday evening at 7.45 o'clock in the hall.

A Tea and Bazaar is in progress for April 20th.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Rev. R. S. Faulks

Cold weather or no, the attendance at our parish church since Christmas has been of consistently good numbers. This growing interest was reflected also in the annual meeting at which a large group heard reports of 1948 activities which indicated a notable year, and gave every encouragement for growth and expansion in the year ahead.

Mr. W. E. Briggs kindly continues as People's Warden and Mr. T. P. Atkinson accepted the post of Rector's Warden. Confirmation classes have been under way for sometime, and it is hoped that the Confirmation Service will be held just before Easter. During Lent, on

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Despite the severe cold, the W.A. tea went over very well on the 16th, and the members appreciation goes to all who helped make it so.

Wedding bells and best wishes to Ken. Bailey and June Fox, February 10th.

ST. PETER'S

Further discussion concerning the formation of a Parish Council took place at the annual meeting, and as a result representatives from all departments in the parish are to meet at regular intervals to exchange information, and share in the general programme of the parish. One matter to be taken up with members of groups is a general parish visitation. Much discussion took place also on the matter of extension of parish hall and church. We all very much regret that Dr. Stone's duties do not permit him to continue as People's Warden, for his leadership has been a source of inspiration to us all, and for it we have been most grateful. Capt. A. F. Stafford has kindly accepted this responsibility, with Dr. B. J. Eastwood continuing as Rector's Warden.

Thanks of the W.A. for a successful tea at the Rectory.

Appreciation of the Senior Sunday School for the sleigh ride.

Confirmation classes continue—Tuesday evenings with Lenten Services.

Happy marriage to Ella Castel and Guy McDonell and to Margaret Kasper and Fred Pratt.

Welcome into our Anglican family Mrs. G. A. Baux, and by baptism her two little ones.

Advance Notice—Afternoon W.A. plans Rummage Sale, May 5th.

ST. LUKE'S

Canon A. Wallis

A goodly number of W.A. members and old friends were present at the nine o'clock celebration of the Holy Communion on February 6th when, in memory of the late Mrs. Fanny Beeby, Life Membership Certificates in the Diocesan W.A. were presented to Mrs. Frank Coles and Mrs. W. H. Coghill. Mrs. Coles has been a faithful hospital visitor for some years and has served in various other offices including Little Helpers Secretary. Mrs. Coghill worked with much success with the J.W.A. and is presently serving as organist. Mrs. Tackaberry, Diocesan President, attended and took part in the presentation. This service was also the Corporate Communion of the A.Y.P.A. who afterwards gathered for breakfast in the parish hall.

The Feast of St. Valentine was marked by a delightful evening tea held at the Vicarage under the auspices of the Sanctuary Guild. Tall tapers and "Valentine Ladies" were used effectively on the tables and spring flowers added to the charm of the home. Home made candy found a ready sale. A large number of guests called and a happy time of

fellowship over the tea cups repaid those who braved the elements to attend.

The Military Whist Drive sponsored by the A.Y.P.A. on February 4th was a jolly affair and well attended. Our congratulations to the young people who so ably carried through the arrangements. After refreshments, dancing was enjoyed. It is hoped that the A.Y.P.A. will be able to hold other social evenings along the same lines.

Baptism—February 6th, Carol Maurer Caston.

ST. MARK'S

The Rev. Arthur Elliott

The annual meetings are over and the work of the year 1949 well started. We have problems ahead such as the hall fund and an increased budget. These problems will be mastered. We just have to remember that we must work together to reach the objective.

We all like to see large congregations, good choirs and good singing and we feel somehow let down if when we attend, these are not present. We could have these good things every Sunday if our members felt their own responsibility in this matter. Without any doubt it is the duty of all members when physically able to join in the public worship of God every Sunday. It would be good for us to stop to think if this is true or not.

The annual meeting of the church held on 24th January was well attended and proved very interesting. We regret the resignation of Mr. A. B. Johns as treasurer, an office he has held for many years but we are glad he continues on the Vestry. The W.A.'s and the Sunday School in particular showed excellent reports. Mr. L. K. Hawkins was unable to continue as Rector's Warden, owing to absence from the parish. Those elected at the meeting were: Wardens' Rector's, Mr. L. Dunwald; People's, Mr. H. L. Bromley; Vestry, Messrs. A. B. Johns, L. K. Hawkins, L. P. Green, E. I. R. Hayden, T. Hayden, C. D. Brown, R. Peel and W. A. Representatives. Synod Delegates: J. A. Ross and E. I. R. Hayden, Substitutes, E. C. Tregale and L. K. Hawkins.

J.A.—At a church meeting service attendance badges, the gift of W.A. Evening Group, were presented to Joy Ritchie, Donna Morris, Shirley Green, Doreen Green and Lynn Morris.

Sunday School—Attendance is being well maintained in spite of the weather. On Sunday, 13th February, the Superintendent, Mr. Bromley, presented a 1948 prize to Donna Morris for high marks in the examination of G.B.R.E. and a 3-year Certificate to Ruth Guy. In the 1948 May exam. Joan Blewett obtained the Bishop's prize.

Evening Group W.A.—At their meeting on 19th January all officers of 1948 were re-elected to serve during 1949. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. A. Bull, the secretary.

The Men's Club continues to have good meetings and the interest is well maintained under the chairmanship of Mr. E. C. Tregale. They have been

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The sudden death of Mrs. J. A. Ros on the 2nd February was a shock to us all at St. Mark's. Mrs. Ross had attended the service on the previous Sunday. We shall miss her here and her interest and attendance. May Mr. Ross and the family be given all comfort in their loss.

ST. MARY'S

The Rev. W. T. Elkin

The Annual Congregational Meeting on January 27th was a source of great encouragement, and all the reports showed definite progress. It was gratifying to know that a substantial payment had been made on the Parish Hall through donations from various groups plus the contributions of the Cent-a-Day Club. It is hoped that more members may be obtained for this Club during the coming year, as it is a most effective way of cutting down our debt without too much strain on individuals. Our new Rectory, which is now nearing completion, is another indication of the progress which has been made in the past year.

The Afternoon Group of the W.A. held a very successful Valentine tea in the parish hall on February 17th. A Corporate Communion for members is planned for the morning service on March 16th.

The Evening Groups of the W.A., now re-united as one group, held their annual meeting on January 18th, when the following officers were elected: Honorary President, Mrs. H. B. Collins; President, Mrs. T. M. White; Vice-President, Mr. F. Bannard; Secretary, Mrs. G. Rowswell; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Barford; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. W. Scott; Little Helpers' Secretaries, Mrs. K. King and Mrs. E. Howard; Educational Secretary, Mrs. W. T. Elkin; Tea Convenors, Mrs. A. Radke and Mrs. Rideout; U.T.O. and E.C.D. Secretary, Mrs. C. Barker. The first undertaking of the group will be catering for a Mother-and-Daughter banquet for the Junior W.A.

The Men's ' had a very interesting meeting on February 7th, when the Bishop spoke on Lambeth and Amsterdam. Plans were made for a cribbage party in the Parish hall on February 18th.

The Junior W.A. entertained St. Faith's Juniors at a Valentine party with thirty members present. Many thanks to the G.A. for their splendid help in pre-

paring the lunch and washing dishes for their "little sisters'" party. The Juniors will be having their examinations on first aid and churchmanship on February 18th, and a Mother and Daughter banquet is planned for February 25th.

The A.Y.P.A. entertained Sunday School members with moving pictures on February 11th and a Whist Party is planned for February 25th.

Baptisms—Kenneth Lucas Malin; Barry Percy Manning; Douglas Ronald Manning; Alan Neil McHaffie; Gregory Albert Parsons.

ST. PAUL'S

The Rev. G. D. Kelly

The annual meeting was held on January 20th. Many parishioners attended and the reports of the various organizations showed remarkable progress. Everyone was interested in the plans for the new church and the donations to date are very encouraging. The following were elected to the Vestry: Rector's Warden, J. Green; People's Warden, C. Karren; W. E. Frame, L. R. Kvittum, R. A. Davidson, C. Hawkins, D. Cruikshank, R. Tainton, R. Cook, H. P. Brown, E. W. Langford, V. Duke, H. Strain and A. New.

For some time now a need has been felt for two organizations in the parish, one for the men and one for the young married couples. The men met on February 4th and following a sumptuous repast launched into a discussion on the building programme, and later that of the club itself. Officers elected were Mr. W. E. Frame, President; Mr. S. Williams, Treasurer; Mr. H. Strain, Secretary and Mr. P. J. Vango and Mr. J. M. Verge as members of the executive. It was decided to hold monthly meetings in the parish hall.

A very impressive service was held on Sunday, January 23rd, when eight candidates were confirmed. Bishop Barfoot challenged them to be active disciples for the Kingdom of God. The candidates were Jack MacDougall, Philip Johnson, Ronald Davidson, Lorna Karan, Wilma Smith, Enid Hawkins, Perdita Growne and Irene Wear. They made their first Communion two weeks later.

On February 19th the A.Y.P.A. had a thrilling tobogganning party. After a hilarious time they returned to the parish hall for an enjoyable lunch. The Young Married Couples also had an exciting time at their tobogganning party the following Saturday. After-

wards they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Brown.

The G.A. Girls, under the leadership of Miss M. Willetts are busy working on their handicraft badges. They had an enjoyable St. Valentine's Skating Party.

Parents of the Scouts and Cubs heard an interesting talk by Mr. George Dupre on February 20th. A church parade was held the following Sunday with a very good attendance.

The church welcomes Mr. J. J. Walker as the new organist and choir leader. New members have already been added including Mr. and Mrs. Saunders and Mr. O. Brown.

Special services during Lent will include a Wednesday evening service and illustrated talk on the theme of John Bunyan's Pilgrims' Progress. These will commence on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, at 7.30 p.m. and will continue each Wednesday during Lent.

An Adult Confirmation Group is being organized and will meet for Evensong each Sunday during Lent. This service will be followed by a period of informal discussion. Our Bishop has very kindly agreed to lead the first two gatherings and is to preach at Evensong on March 6th and 13th. While intended primarily for those wishing to be confirmed, any who might be interested in such discussions are invited to attend.

Plans are being made for the observance of our parish's thirty-fifth anniversary. The first service held in our present building was on April 10th, 1914. Full details will be available later but to date we have arranged for the Rt. Reverend A. H. Sovereign, Bishop of Athabasca, to be guest preacher at the morning service on April 3rd, and our own Bishop on Palm Sunday, April 10th.

Baptisms—Constance Elizabeth King-erlee; Roy John Kingerlee.

Burial—Frank Hill.

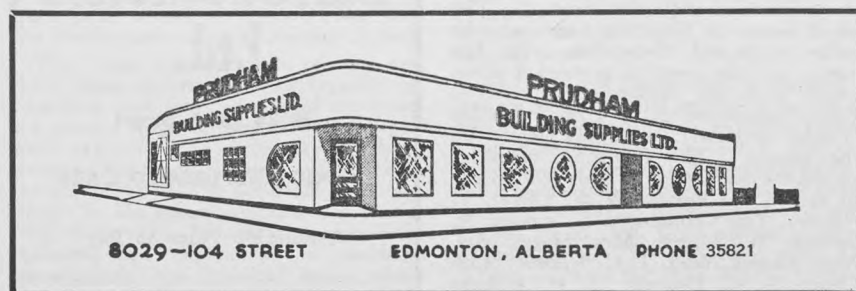


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ST. STEPHEN'S

The Rev. C. E. F. Wolff

St. Stephen's annual parish meeting was held in the church hall, January 25th, the Rector's report intimating that, at 1,752, the number of acts of Communion during 1948 showed a substantial increase over the preceding year. As at that date there were 290 persons on the parish roll, representing 146 families or 145 communicants.

J. C. Slater was appointed Rector's Warden and the following officers were elected: People's Warden, Ben Woolman; Vestry, H. L. Weir, O. B. E., J. R. Watson, T. F. Swallow, A. C. Russell, R. J. Paice, G. G. L. Moore, T. J. Jones, M. T. Hirst, E. G. Greene, G. M. Cowley, J. G. Clarke and A. C. Ballantine. Messrs. Paice, Swallow and Weir, with Messrs. Moore and Clarke as alternatives, were appointed lay delegates to Synod and Mr. Swallow, parish auditor.

Under the direction of Phillip Brown and Mrs. Godby, assisted by Miss Margaret Wright, Miss Leonore Hanson and Miss Margaret Wilson, the Sunday School was seen to have made excellent progress with a new lesson course which the teachers agree is superior to that formerly in use.

The report referred to the Woman's Auxiliary organized out of the Willing Workers which has served faithfully for 12 years. The Rector paid tribute to the work done by the women of the Altar Guild and to the zeal of the Servers' Guild, a part of the worldwide brotherhood known as the Guild of the Servers of the Sanctuary with a membership of more than 7,000 men.

Reports from these and other parish organizations noted in the report were read by their respective officers—the A.Y.P.A., Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies.

These organizations are again in full operation. Len Bevan, who was scoutmaster from 1930 to 1939, has returned to that post. Mrs. J. C. Slater and her Guide company are doing well and Mrs. Pat Gregory has resumed her duties as Akela of the Cub Pack. Mrs. H. Grove has taken over the duties of Brown Owl in the Brownies.

A.Y.P.A. activities in January included a visit from Mr. Muir of Imperial Oil Limited who showed some interesting films and on the evening of 13th February St. Stephen's young people visited the All Saints' Cathedral A.Y.P.A. to hear an interesting address by Mr. Dupre. A successful tea was held on February 12th in aid of the organ fund.

The W.A. is holding a St. Patrick's tea on Wednesday, March 16th, in the church hall from 3 to 5.30.

Holy Baptism—Linda Ann Gregory.

ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION

The annual W. A. meeting was held on January 12th, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. Thompson; Vice-President, Mrs. DeGere; Treasurer, Mrs. Virtue; Secretary, Mrs.

Pullishy; E.C.D. Thankoffering, Mrs. Delaine.

The annual meeting of the congregation was held January 28th, with the Rev. C. E. F. Wolff in the chair. Wardens elected for the year were, W. Pullishy, J. Thompson and J. Moore.

A report for the year 1948 and the budget for 1949 was approved. The church attendance has increased, which is very encouraging.

A welcome is extended to all in Riverdale to attend the services: 1st and 3rd Sundays, 9.15 a.m.; 2nd and 4th Sundays, 3 p.m.

ST. GEORGE'S, FORT SASK.

The Rev. W. W. Buxton

The annual meeting and congregational supper was held Tuesday evening, February 1st, in the Fort Community Hall with over 70 members present.

Following the excellent supper, served by the ladies, the Rev. W. W. Buxton called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted. Financial Statements were then passed to all present, which showed the progress made during the year.

Reports from the Secretary and Treasurer of the W.A. and the Supt. of the Sunday School were then read and adopted.

It was disclosed that there was over \$2,000 in the Building Fund at present with a further \$2,000 promised on demand.

The question of building a new church was put before the meeting which resulted in power being granted to the new incoming vestry to carry on with this project.

Baptism—William Albert Kitching.

EMMANUEL, GIBBONS

Our Rector put in a very strenuous time on Christmas Eve giving all three parishes in his charge a service of Holy Communion. Our church was filled to capacity. I think that each and every one attending felt the better for starting their Christmas celebrations in this manner, and I am sure the Rector felt happy at the response to his invitation, to come and partake.

A Vestry meeting was held January 7th. The business in part being to name the date for the annual meeting, which was duly held on January 25th. At the suggestion of the Rector it was decided that the Vestry should seek co-operation of the W.A. and put on a sit-down supper in conjunction with the meeting. The result was an inspiring function, the ladies surpassed themselves with the menu, and the meeting proceeded afterwards with the utmost accord. The Rector appointed J. C. Brumfit as his Warden and Earl Toane was elected by the people. The following members signed the declaration of their good intent to act on the Vestry: W. S. Oliver, T. Rippon, Tim Gibbons, J. C. Fraser, A. Sustrik, W. Morris, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. Mrs. Sustrik, Mrs. J. C. Fraser. Lay Delegates: C. Brumfit, T. H. Holmes

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The regular meeting of the W.A. was held on February 2nd at the home of Mrs. Earl Toane. Such adjectives as "wonderful," "beautiful," "ideal," were heard from many as the ladies made a conducted tour of the new addition to the home. One of their many commendable acts in meeting was a donation of \$50 to the Vestry, to relieve them of the burden of debt, and to inspire them to further action. The Vestry, needless to say are appreciative of this kindly gesture.

Another happy feature of the meeting was a presentation to Mrs. Buxton of a number of diminutive creations with accessories, beautiful in design and workmanship, every little frill and stitch testifying affectionate regard for the lady.

To mention bee activity and sub-zero weather in the same breath sounds paradoxical yet at our service last Sunday the temperature outside was 10° below zero, inside the church a zealous keeper of the furnace had brought it up to the 80° mark, and bees that had made a home for themselves in the roof really thought it was summer, and came out in their hundreds to play—or sting. Our Rector not wishing to make himself conspicuous by wearing a surplice, compromised by reading family prayers instead of having Communion Service as originally intended. \$64 quiz question—how do we get rid of those bees?

ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

Due to illness and extreme cold weather the church services have been cancelled, but will be resumed February

Rural Deanery of Pembina

ST. MARY & ST. GEORGE, JASPER

The Rev. T. C. B. Boon

The annual meeting was held on January 20th, and in spite of bitter weather there was a very fair attendance and a happy spirit prevailed throughout the evening. The financial report presented by the People's Warden, Mr. Coupland, was probably one of the best in the history of the parish, and those received from the various organizations indicated that excellent work was being done. The reports which were given were of an encouraging nature. They were presented by Mr. J. B. Sharpe, Vicar's Warden; Mrs. J. Ward, President of the E.B.W.A.; Mrs. M. L. Peterson, Superintendent of the J.B.W.A.; Mrs. G. E. Prowse, Secretary of the Little Helpers; Mr. S. Currey, Cubmaster of the St. Mary's Pack; and the Vicar respecting the Sunday School.

The Vicar thanked the officers and their organizations for their loyalty, co-operation and enterprise, and expressed his sincere appreciation of Mr. Snape's work as his Warden, Organist and Choir-master. He thanked Mrs. J. R. Heckley for her great help in deputising for Mr. Snape in his absence during the earlier part of the year. Mr. Boon also carefully reviewed and explained the problems (particularly the financial ones) which

27th. The annual meeting was held January 25th in the parish room with the Rev. A. E. Elliott and the Rev. W. E. Harrison in attendance.

Reports from the Sunday School and Junior Choir were given.

The W.A. reports were given by Mrs. E. O. Wilkinson and Mrs. F. Pow.

Mr. C. T. Dickson was again appointed Rector's Warden. Mr. F. Pow was reelected People's Warden. Vestry: Messrs. A. N. Loggin, W. Gardiner, N. Wilkinson, Miss A. Simpson, Mrs. C. T. Dickson, Mrs. E. O. Wilkinson. Delegates to the Synod: Messrs. A. N. Loggin, W. Gardiner, N. Wilkinson. Mr. A. N. Loggin was reelected auditor and thanked for his services.

The Rev. A. E. Elliott and the Rev. W. E. Harrison thanked the different organizations for their services.

Mr. F. Pow thanked the clergy for their services during the year. At the close of the meeting those present were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Dickson.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. F. Pow with six members present. Mrs. A. N. Loggin and Mrs. N. Wilkinson thanked the members for gifts received. The Dorcas bale was accepted.

The treasurer was asked to send the United Thankoffering before the annual. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. N. Loggin with Miss A. Simpson as hostess.

The Junior Choir met at the home of Florence Wilkinson February 17th. After practice a cocoa party was held followed by dancing.

had to be met and overcome in 1949. He was delighted that Mr. Snape had consented to act as his Warden again this year.

After recording hearty appreciation of the organizations and their officers the meeting proceeded to election of officers for 1949 as follows: People's Warden, Mr. W. Coupland (for the twentieth successive year); Vestry, Messrs. C. E. Hudson, S. Curry, J. M. Edenborough, Thos. H. Morrison, Mrs. G. E. Prowse and Miss Ruth Athinson. Auditor, Mr. J. R. Heckley; Envelope Secretary, Mrs. G. Pugh; Delegates to Synod, Messrs. W. Coupland and S. Currey; substitutes, Mr. J. B. Snape. A budget of \$2,250.00 for 1949 was approved and accepted.

The meeting was followed by a very happy social hour, during which the members of the E.B.W.A. served a delightful lunch.

An Old Time Dance held in the parish hall on 9th February proved to be one of the most successful and happiest events ever sponsored by the Vestry, and the large number present engaged enthusiastically in the Schottishes, Polkas, Waltzes and Square Dances which were admirably played by Mr. Al. Cook and his Jasper Mountaineers. We are very much indebted to them for their kindness which

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enabled the proceeds of \$72.51 to go to the current funds of the church (and did we need it, the way the weather has been emptying the coal bins!). We also wish to thank the ladies who served the excellent tea and coffee when we gathered into groups for lunch; and the men who helped get the hall ready before hand, clear it up afterwards and did the other chores which made the evening such a success.

By the time this reaches our readers we shall be in Lent. We are holding union services on the Wednesday evenings in Lent at 8.00 p.m. alternately in St. Mary's (when the Addresses will be given by Rev. A. D. Carr) and the United Church where the Vicar will be the speaker. On 16th March however instead of the usual service Mr. J. B. Snape is giving an Organ Recital. The details of the programme are not at hand as we go to press, but we are quite sure that it will be worth hearing and would ask all members of the congregation not only to try and be present themselves, but also to make it known and bring friends with them. Music has its message for us, and to listen to it stirs the soul.

ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON

The Rev. H. W. Buchner

The Rev. J. G. Gardiner

Canon Clough ended a long connection with this parish at the middle of January. We should like to thank him for his good and faithful service, often under the most trying weather and transportation conditions, which he always met with unfailing cheerfulness. It must have cost him quite an effort over and above the line of duty quite confidently expected of clergymen by more comfortably situated parishioners, and we should like him to feel that those efforts have been truly appreciated.

On January 30th Bishop Barfoot inducted the Rev. Howard W. Buchner and the Rev. J. Gordon Gardiner. With their arrival, and the prospective one of the Rev. George A. Robinson, an Oblate novice of S.S.J.D., at the end of this month, this district will enjoy a revival of the mission established in 1910, covering the Coal Branch and St. Paul's Mission east of Edson. That Sunday was in itself a most inspiring and eventful occasion, even more so than the privilege of former visits from the Bishop. We had a social evening in the parish hall after the evening service, when the congregation was enabled to meet him, his chaplain and the two new clergymen. The parish welcomes them with gratitude and a very real renewal of hope for the future Christian fellowship of this and the outlying communities.

Mrs. Alice Walker, widow of the late Mr. J. Walker, was buried on the 29th of January, the Rev. Howard Buchner conducting the service. Mrs. Walker dies quite suddenly of heart failure, having been ill for a long time with a severe diabetic condition. She had no one of her own family in this country, but had been living with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Peel, to whom our sympathy

is extended. Mrs. Walker was a member of the W.A. and also had been a caretaker for the church and parish hall; but for some years had been very tied by devoted care to a bedridden husband and her own trying condition. We pray that she may rest in peace.

In connection with the renovation of the Rectory, we are very much indebted to the voluntary help of several parishioners; in particular to the long effort of Mrs. D. Buck and Mr. E. H. Tucker with painting, etc. The parishioners would like to voice their gratitude for this service.

At the W.A. meeting, business carried over from January was completed, last year's report read, and other offices arranged. Mrs. George Harrison kindly consented to look after the aprons for the spring sale of work, and Mrs. Lemotte the novelties; and they formed committees for the same, and for the Indian mission work. Our devotional meeting was much better attended in spite of very bad weather.

DRAYTON VALLEY

On January 12th we had our annual meeting and re-elected officers. President, Mrs. Hernden; Vice-President, Mrs. Tucker; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Anderson; Secretary, Mrs. Hamilton; Dorcas, Mrs. McKenzie.

We were very pleased to have Mr. Buchner hold service on February 6th, and are more than pleased to know he will be coming for a regular monthly service.

We have had a few Whist Drives and plan more until Lent, but the "weather-man" is against us some time.

After the convention we will be ready to go to work again as we have lots to do. We have fourteen active members again this year.

ST. JOHN'S, CADOMIN

We are glad to say that we are now having regular services in our church. One of the three clergy stationed at Edson, will come twice each month, the 2nd Sunday Communion Service and Sermon, the fourth Sunday Evening Service.

Mr. Gardiner gave us our first service February 13th and we all felt a great sense of thankfulness to be again worshipping in our little church.

It was also like old times to have Mrs. Smith (nee Catherine Muldowan) as our organist again. We welcome her and her mother and family back in our midst.

Our W.A. bazaar was postponed last December but we are making plans for it to be held before Easter.

Our church, due to the hard work of four W.A. members, looks nice and clean again.

The W.A. officers for 1949 are: Miss L. Docherty, President; Mrs. N. Smith, Vice-President; Mrs. W. Meller, Treasurer. Mrs. H. V. Coppinger, Secretary; Mrs. G. Wilson, Dorcas Secretary.

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ONOWAY AND WABAMUN MISSIONS

The annual parishioners Meeting at Onoway was held on January 27th. Mrs. Jared W. Turnbull was appointed Rector's Warden and Mr. Syd Kettle was elected People's Warden. Vestry: Messrs. Harry Galliford, Camplin, J. Looker, E. D. Dales and Mrs. Dales, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Reiner and Mrs. Camplin. Lay Delegates to Synod, Mr. Harry Galliford and Mr. Syd Kettle.

The Church, Vicarage and Parish Hall are insured for \$5,000. Obligations outside the parish hall have been fully met, that is: Apportionment for Missions, etc., \$112; Pension Fund, \$40.00; Travelling Fund, \$72.00. The cost of boring the well at the Vicarage and repairing and installing the pump was \$126. This was all paid by Mrs. Vipan as a memorial to her late husband.

We have had 53 Sunday services, 21 weekday services, 5 baptisms, 1 marriage, 3 funerals.

There is outstanding a sum of \$1,370.00 due on the loan from the Diocesan

Revolving Rectory Fund. This loan was contracted for the rebuilding of the Vicarage.

The Taxes on the church property have been paid by the W.A.

St. John's W.A. met on February 10th. Mrs. Bramley the new President, presided and expressed the regret of the members for the resignations from office of Mrs. J. Mills who has been president for the past two years, and Mrs. Syd Kettle who has given most valuable service for a long time as Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. J. Turnbull, the Educational Secretary, read the study book "One Family" and also a letter from Miss Jessie Miller from Japan. Eleven members were present. Tea was served by Mrs. Ablett and the meeting closed with prayer. Several members plan to attend the Diocesan Annual in March.

All Saint's, Seba, W.A.—The members met at the home of Mrs. Hathaway on January 27th. Three chairs have been purchased and donated to the church. There are now thirteen members enrolled.

Rural Deanery of Vermilion

ST. SAVIOUR'S, VERMILION

The Rev. T. W. Teape

The best thing that can be said about our annual meeting is that everyone enjoyed it. And we are not referring only to the first rate meal provided by the Happy Hour Group, though that put us all in a good humour. It was evident that every organization was very much alive, and the efforts put forth to raise money and the results of those efforts were truly astounding. We were sorry to see Mr. Manyuk leave the Vestry (due to his hours of work), and we were glad to have Mr. Jack Kerns elected to the vacant post. A spirited discussion took place about the erection of a new church, how much it would cost, where it should be built, what should be done with the old building, how we would raise the money, and so on. There is a notice of motion on the Vestry books to form a building fund, and some organizations have signified their intention of putting considerable sums into the fund as soon as it is constituted. Goodwill and optimism prevailed throughout the evening.

The severe weather during January and February have had very little effect upon attendance at the Sunday School. Meanwhile the total on the roll has reached the fifty mark. As soon as spring shows signs of appearing we must aim at sixty.

When a corporate Communion of all those elected to office in the church was called for the Sunday after the annual meeting, the weather was unkind and prompted many to pull the blankets up closer round their ears. A small number braved the elements and attended the celebration and the breakfast afterwards.

We were all grieved to hear of the serious illness of Mrs. Bowser. And just about the same time it was reported that

Mr. Harding was in a Calgary hospital. We can assure them that the prayers of all are for their speedy recovery.

Happy Hour Group (W.A.)—The meeting of the Happy Hour Branch of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Vic. Tillett, and despite the cold weather we had a very good attendance. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Barlow and Mrs. Hessum to our group. Several patches were made for our quilt and Mrs. Robinson has kindly offered to put it together. Mrs. Park and Mrs. Watts have donated the material for the back and the batt.

Our next meeting will be cancelled as we have decided to help the W.A. with the Men's Curling Banquet that evening. Our March 8th meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Tom Watts.

Junior W.A. and Girls' Auxiliary—On February 12th the Junior W.A. and the Girls' Auxiliary combined their efforts and put on a Valentine tea in the Masonic Hall. The girls also had a table of articles to sell. This table brought in \$11.00. Total receipts from the tea were \$41.20.

We now have 19 members in the Junior W.A. and 8 in the Girls' Auxiliary.

Woman's Auxiliary The annual meeting of the St. Saviour's W.A. was held in the Rectory on January 13th. A review of the past year's activities showed improvement in all branches of the work. The treasurer reported a balance of \$625.91.

The group thanked all who have patronized their efforts, and those who have assisted them in any way and so have helped to make the past year a success.

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ST. MARY'S THE VIRGIN VEGREVILLE

The Rev. H. G. Brant

The annual meeting of St. Mary's W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. G. Warren when the year's activities were reported and new officers were elected. Special tribute was paid to President Mrs. R. Dunn and Secretary Mrs. J. Mast for their capable work, their resignations were received with much regret.

A Sunday School Christmas Party was held in the Legion Hall, this being possible through the kindness of Mr. W. S. Walden. The children and others present had a very enjoyable time, gifts and candy being distributed to all. On Christmas Eve Holy Communion was celebrated at which there were a gratifying number of communicants. The Church was beautifully decorated with two Christmas trees and the new electric lights helping to make the service most impressive.

The first W.A. meeting of the year was held at the home of Mrs. E. T. McGowan when the new President took the chair.

We were glad to enrol three new members. The officers for 1949 are as follows: President, Mrs. E. L. McGowan; Vice-President, Mrs. G. Warren; Secretary, Mrs. D. Hughes; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Nicholson; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. K. Mills; Living Message Secretary, Mrs. D. Hughes; Thankoffering Secretary, Mrs. J. Nicholson; Little Helpers' Secretary, Mrs. K. Mills.

Annual Meeting—During 1948 in almost every sphere of the life of St. Mary's Parish, progress was noted. This was particularly evident in attendance, in achievements and in monies received.

The Rev. H. G. Brant appointed Mr. T. M. Bennett as Vicar's Warden for the year 1949. Mrs. George Warren was re-elected as People's Warden for another year by unanimous decision which expressed the peoples' heart-felt appreciation of his interest and work for them in that very important office.

Members of the Vestry elected for 1949 are Messrs. J. Nicholson, W. S. Walden, G. Kuwata, V. C. Challenor, C. Hayter, D. Hughes, A. Gudmundson and Mrs. R. L. Dunn and Mrs. A. Gudmundson.

Delegates to the Synod were Messrs. Geo. Warren and T. M. Bennett. Mr. C. Hayter was elected as a substitute.

ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

The first service for 1949 was held February 13th when Holy Communion was celebrated. The annual congregational meeting was scheduled to take place at the Sutton home February 15th. A social evening to follow.

The February W.A. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. R. Cornish with a good attendance. Material was distributed for bazaar work. Five dollars was voted to a Protestant Orphanage in Germany.

Mrs. I. R. Saint tendered her resignation as secretary as she has now taken up residence in Edmonton. Mrs. Ida Norman was appointed as secretary and Mrs. A. Scott as president.

Mrs. Norman, on behalf of the W.A., presented Miss Kathleen Sutton, retiring

secretary with a vanity set in appreciation of her eight years of service.

The March meeting was changed from February 2nd to Wednesday, February 9th on account of the W.A. Annual. It will be held at Mrs. J. E. Cornish's.

Chailey is very sorry to lose Mrs. I. R. Saint but we all wish her the very best future. A farewell party was held at the home of Mr. A. H. Saint in her honor. Well over fifty friends and relatives were present. A presentation on behalf of the district was made of an overnight case by W. R. Cornish and a leather zippered writing case was presented on behalf of the W.A. by the president Mrs. A. J. Scott. Bridge and whist was enjoyed by all, lunch being supplied by the ladies of the district.

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HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

The Rev. E. N. P. Orme

The regular monthly meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Roberts on February 3rd at 2.30 p.m. There were ten present. After the usual devotionals, led by the Vicar, and followed by the United Thankoffering and Prayer Partner, prayers, business was attended to. The Dorcas Secretary outlined the work for the year. We decided to pay our W.A. pledge in full and were able to forward a generous amount to the Apportionment as well as pay our increased stipend in full.

Our funds were increased considerably when the W.A. ladies catered to the Women's Bonspiel in the curling rink on February 9th. Thanks are extended to all who gave donations of money and kind. The menus typed by Mr. Orme were very attractive and helped considerably in the taking of orders. The ladies who helped were at the rink from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and we wish to thank all those who helped during the rush period. We are planning to cater to the Mixed Bonspiel on February 23rd. This will require an extra amount of food as well as helpers as it will be an all day affair but should double in returns should we get the necessary eats and help. Congratulations were extended to the W.A. ladies from many outside curlers for the lovely hot lunch: soup, hot beef sandwiches, pie, coffee or tea.

The delegates to the Annual are Mrs. Orme and Mrs. Barden. Mrs. Robinson and Miss Baptist are also planning to attend and we are hoping Mrs. S. Gill of Lindbrook will be able to attend, also Mrs. Freebury of Tofield. The Vicar offered, weather permitting, to take any ladies able to go for the one day in his car so we should have a good representation.

The Evening Group—The inaugural meeting of the W.A. was held on February 14th at the Vicarage with seven members present.

Officers for 1949 are: President, Mrs. N. Glover; Vice-President, Mrs. E. N. P. Orme; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. E. P. Brown.

The following were agreed upon: W.A. prayers to open each meeting and the membership and affiliation fees to be \$1.35 per year. Meetings are to be held on the second Monday in each month at 8.30 p.m.

The Evening Group will continue with the afternoon group re serving of refreshments at the Bonspiel on February 23rd. They are hoping to sponsor a film show "A Pilgrimage to Canterbury" in the near future. The Afternoon Group wishes the Evening Group every success in their endeavors. We need the younger members to continue their interest in the W.A. organization.

A large Anglican congregation turned out on January 30th at 3 p.m. for the third annual meeting of the Lindbrook Church. The following officers were appointed or re-elected: Vicar's Warden, Mr. G. F. Kyle; People's Warden, Mr. J. H. Brown; Vestry, Mrs. D. Kyle, W. C. Lancaster, Mrs. Hooper, Miss L. Gould; Mrs. F. Coward, Mrs. W. L. Gill; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. G. F. Kyle; Auditor, Mr. J. A. Richardson; Delegate to Synod, Mr. J. H. Brown; Alternate Delegate, Mr. W. L. Gill.

Mr. J. H. Brown spoke very feelingly of the good work done by Mr. Orme and by Mrs. J. W. Robinson as organist and of the appreciation of the congregation for their good offices.

Burial—Alfred James Leach on January 31st. Service was held at Minitik Hall. Interment took place in the Cookington Lake Cemetery.

RODINO

On February 6th service was held at the home of Mrs. Revell at 3 p.m. Following the service and some refreshments, the annual parochial meeting was held. The Warden's report showed a successful year with all obligations met, and a small balance. Everyone voted unanimously to increase the stipend for 1949.

Votes of thanks were moved to our Rector, to the members of the W.A., and to the organist. Mr. H. Johnston was re-elected as People's Warden, and the Vestry to consist of Messrs. Wm. Revell, F. Nash, S. Daniel, H. Vandervaate, A. Winfield.

On January 20th the W.A. met at the home of Mrs. S. Daniel. As only a few members were present, the annual meeting was postponed until next month.

WAINWRIGHT

The Rev. F. E. Smith

The annual meeting of St. Thomas' Church was held January 18th. Despite the fact that it was a bitterly cold night, a record crowd was in attendance. This was undoubtedly due to the efforts of a few strategically located ladies who made it their business to see that every member of the parish received a personal invitation. After the opening hymn and prayer, the business proceeded as usual. The reports from the various departments were all quite satisfactory. Under the election of officers a few changes were made. Mr. H. S. C. Smart who has been in the office of Warden for the past nine years, retired from office. The members elected to office are as follows: Rector's Warden, Mr. T. Withnell; People's Warden, Mr. T. Lissimore; Vestry, Messrs. H. S. C. Smart, W. Riome, W. Milner, B. Coleman, R. Wilkins, G. Sabine, J. Ford, C. Coleman, Mrs. O. Griffiths, Miss E. Haywood, Mrs. Hart. At the conclusion of the business meeting, the choir presented a variety of numbers displaying the versatile ability of the members. These included, violin numbers, a trumpet solo, duets, trios, and numbers by both choirs. The evening was concluded by the serving of refreshments. Many people said that it was the happiest annual meeting they had ever attended, and one gentleman said "he had had such a happy time, that it didn't seem like an annual meeting at all."

The A.Y.P.A. once more sponsored the annual Valentine dance, with the members of the Park Branch of the W.A. looking after the catering; financially, it proved to be quite worth while for both groups.

The Girls' Auxiliary group recently held a very enjoyable skating party, which was followed by lunch in the parish hall.

Gilt Edge—On the last Sunday in January, we were once more privileged to hold a service at the Gilt Edge school house. The school was filled to capacity and we are indebted to Mrs. Marvin Plaxton for looking after the arrangements for this service. Three members of the Wainwright choir, Mr. Ford, Miss Betty Schumacher and Mrs. F. E. Smith with Mrs. Claud Wachter as accompanist delighted the congregation with a very lovely anthem.

A combined gathering of the members of the choir and the Park Branch of the W.A. was held towards the end of January in honor of Miss Betty Schumacher prior to her entrance into the training school at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Towards the close of the evening a Medical Dictionary was presented to Miss Schumacher along with a nurse's cap of miniature proportions. Miss Schumacher will be greatly missed in this parish, for she has been an active member of the A.Y.P.A.; the choir and the W.A. She has a lovely voice, is an excellent pianist, these talents together with many others and her charming personality will endear her to all wherever she may go.

ST. MARY'S, IRMA

The annual meeting of the congregation was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Targett with a full representation present. The Secretary reported a very successful year and the Rector Rev. F. S. Smith voiced his thanks and appreciation to the officers and members. During the year the church has been repainted and the insurance on the building and contents raised to \$1,000.00. Thanks were especially expressed to Mr. H. E. Parke who through the winter was responsible for the fires and heating of the church. The Secretary reported church collections of \$209, donations amounted

to \$13.25, while the W.A. had donated us \$60.90. Other receipts amounted to \$36.97. Payments included stipend of \$264.00, while Apportionment, transportation and pension were met in full.

Officers appointed for the year 1949: Vicar's Warden, Mr. E. H. Targett; People's Warden, Mr. F. T. Thurston; Secretary, Mr. Ted Thurston.

The meeting closed with an expression of appreciation to our Vicar for his work in the parish throughout the year. Following the meeting lunch was served by the members of the W.A.

W.A.—The annual meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Targett on January 26th with five members present. The Secretary reported a very successful financial year. Total receipts amounted to \$207.54, disbursements \$225.23. Officers elected for ensuing year: President, Mrs. F. T. Thurston; Vice-President, Mrs. E. H. Targett; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. R. Thurston; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. R. McRoberts. Mrs. E. T. Thurston was chosen as delegate to the Annual Diocesan Convention. The ladies decided to hold a sale of home cooking on Saturday, February 12th.

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CAMROSE

The Rev. C. F. W. Goddard

At the first meeting of the new Vestry for 1949, the following officers were elected: Mr. A. Youell, Vestry Secretary; Mr. W. F. Grafton, Treasurer; and Mr. R. C. Hugh, Envelope Secretary; the latter two to work with the Church Wardens in regard to the financial work of the parish. Through a mistake by this correspondent, the name of Dr. H. B. Ness was omitted last month from the list of the 1949 Vestry.

On Septuagesima Sunday we began, in accordance with the suggestion of the annual meeting and further action by the Vestry, the experiment of placing the chour and organ at the west end of the church. This will give the congregation the opportunity of judging which is the better position—and for the purpose of making a decision, there will be a general parochial meeting in May.

The W.A. held a bridge and whist drive to buy cutlery for the parish hall kitchen. This was quite successful considering the extreme weather, and a cribbage drive is scheduled soon. The cutlery, which has now been purchased, completes the equipment for our enlarged and efficient kitchen, which has also been improved by painting and by the installation of a large range, the gift of Mrs. Charles Burrows, and converted to gas heating by the W.A. The members of the W.A., undaunted by the cold weather, have begun sewing for the Spring Bazaar.

ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

The annual parish meeting was held in the community hall on January 26th, in an exalted position on the stage where it

was warm! The meeting itself was a happy one and was followed by a pleasant social hour. In spite of forbidding weather, the attendance was very good.

Mr. C. T. C. Roper was appointed Rector's Warden, Mr. Alfred Birchall was elected People's Warden, Mr. J. B. Hayfield, Treasurer, Mr. George Butcher, Auditor. The former Vestry was returned, with the addition of Mr. E. McNary. Mr. Roper and Mr. J. G. Baker were named as delegates to Synod, and Mr. Birchall and Mr. Butcher as alternates.

We are hoping that we may soon have gas heating for our church and possibly electric light for the village. The meeting resolved that the insurance on St. Dunstan's Church and its contents be doubled this year if possible; and through the ready financial help of the W.A. this has since been done. Sincere appreciation was expressed to Mr. Baker for his good services as Lay Reader, to Mrs. Baker for her musical leadership, to the the W.A., to the officers of the parish, and to the Rector and Mrs. Goddard.

Splendid reports were heard from the W.A. and the Treasurer. Mrs. Butcher and Mr. Baker reported on the Bible Society canvass showing the whole-hearted participation of our congregation in this good work.

SEDGEWICK

The Rev. W. Brooks

Our annual meetings are now concluded and for the interest of everyone we publish the following notes. At Sedgewick there was a very good attendance, commencing with a congregational supper, for which we express our thanks to the ladies and all who made this such a success. We then proceeded to the Form

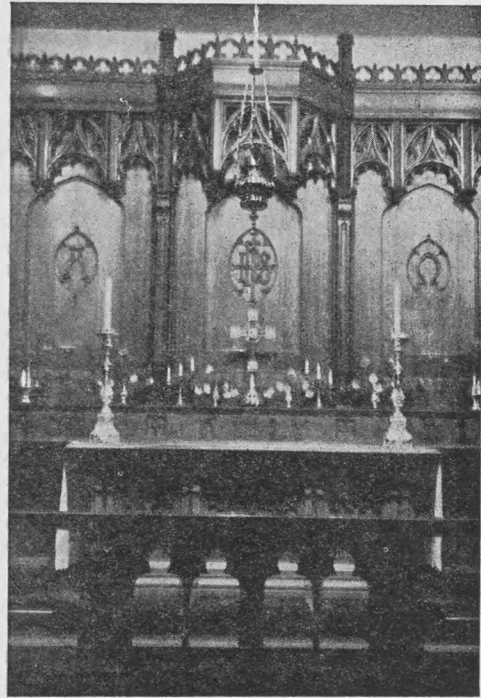
of Service of Admission to W.A. Life Membership. The members of the branch presented Mrs. C. Tanton and Mrs. F. P. Beairsto with this form of recognition for intensive and continued work in the church. The form of service was read by the Rector and Mrs. G. Weber pinned the badges on the recipients. Church reports were read by Mr. E. Leah, Secretary-Treasurer, and we would repeat the appeal for a greater number of envelope subscribers to support the work. It was moved that the hall be completed at an early date. And we take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Mr. F. P. Beairsto who donated the material for decorating, to Messrs. J. Adamson, A. Burch, Bob Burch, G. Tanton and E. Leah, all of whom gave of their time and skill to complete the work. At the regular W.A. meeting held at the home of Mrs. J. Adamson a delegate was nominated to attend the Diocesan Annual Meeting. The next meeting of the W.A. is to be held at the home of Mrs. G. Weber.

Despite adverse weather, Loughheed meeting was well attended, the interest shown was reflected by the attendance of a good number from the country, the People's Warden walking seven miles to attend. Reports showed results of hard work by members and the W.A. over the year. We urge all our readers to rally to the active support of those upon whom the responsibility devolves for the functioning of the church in this district, they and all of us need your help. To Mr. and Mrs. Kirkman, who placed their home at our disposal for the evening, and to all who contributed in making the evening a success we say, thank you. The W.A. annual meeting held at the home of Mrs. Peterson elected the following officers: Honorary President, Mrs. W. Brooks; President, Mrs. R. McCracken; Vice-President, Mrs. A. Peterson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. E. Butcher; Mrs. L. Barthel and Mrs. D. Thomas; Little Helpers' Secretaries. Delegates to Diocesan meeting: Mrs. J. Routledge, Mrs. F. Kirkman and Mrs. M. Shannon.

We had a fair attendance at the Hardisty meeting when reports were read by Mr. J. Thorp, Treasurer, and Mr. J. Trupp, Secretary, also from the W.A. These reflect advance and great credit is due to those few who continue to give time and effort to this end. Messrs. E. Fowler and R. R. Keifer were appointed a committee to investigate improvement of heating. Plans were also discussed regarding replacement of the present heating element and it is to be hoped that we will have completed action before another winter. Our thanks are due to the Vestry and W.A. who have so faithfully carried out their work, we wish them continued success this year and additional helpers to assist them. Officers of the W.A. remain as last year and at the meeting held at the home of Mrs. F. Matthews, the President, was nominated as delegate to the Diocesan meeting. The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. B. A. F. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Neeley again welcomed us to their home for the annual meeting

The Sanctuary



The Sanctuary of All Saints' Cathedral, where the Noon-Day Lenten Services are being held.

of Killam congregation. The reports indicated good support from our members, and it was noted that the affects of the fire were almost entirely corrected. We thank our host and hostess and those who assisted in making this a very friendly evening. The January meeting of the Lachlan took the form of Open-House to those ladies who have helped in various ways. It is reported there was a good attendance and the membership has increased as a result. A meeting held at the home of Mrs. R. Smith nominated Mesdames Stewart, Neeley and MacLachlan as delegates to the Diocesan meeting.

We would like to express our gratitude for the co-operation of all congregations in the manner they have responded to the 1949 assessments.

ST. JOHN'S, MILLET

St. John's held their annual congregation meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hoskins. There was a good attendance. All reports were very encouraging and showed a successful year. All officers were re-elected. A vote of thanks was extended to the Guild for their co-

operation. At the close of the meeting lunch was served by members of the Guild.

We are very fortunate in having Canon Clough take the service twice a month.

The Guild held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. J. M. Clarke. The year's work was reviewed and showed just how much a small group can accomplish when each one does her part. The Bazaar held in November was a great success. Ten pews were purchased and now take the place of the fifty-five chairs in the church.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. Ross; Vice-President, Mrs. E. R. Hoskins; Secretary, Mrs. H. Gardiner; Treasurer and Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Griffiths. Mrs. Moore will have charge of all sewing and fancy work handed in for the Fall Bazaar. A social hour was spent at the close of the meeting and a delicious lunch served by the hostess.

The Guild are making arrangements to hold a "Mothers' Day" Tea and Sale on the 7th of May.

Baptism—Elaine Edith Heslop.